

Senate File 142 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment and administration of
2 mental health court pilot projects.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1490XS 82
5 rh/es/88

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1 1 Section 1. MENTAL HEALTH COURT PILOT PROJECTS. The
1 2 judicial branch shall establish and administer a mental health
1 3 court pilot project for nonviolent criminal offenders who
1 4 suffer from mental illness in a county with a population of up
1 5 to fifty thousand, in a county with a population of more than
1 6 fifty thousand but not more than one hundred thousand, and in
1 7 a county with a population of more than one hundred thousand.
1 8 The mental health court pilot projects shall be established
1 9 for a three-year period beginning January 1, 2008. The
1 10 judicial branch shall consult with an advisory committee which
1 11 includes members representing the criminal justice system
1 12 including but not limited to judges, prosecutors, and defense
1 13 counsel; members representing the mental health community; and
1 14 members representing the pilot project counties. The judicial
1 15 branch and the pilot project counties shall report to the
1 16 general assembly on the operation of the projects annually by
1 17 December 15.

EXPLANATION

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1 19 This bill directs the judicial branch, in consultation with
1 20 an advisory committee consisting of members of the criminal
1 21 justice system, the mental health community, and the pilot
1 22 project counties, to establish and administer mental health
1 23 court pilot projects for nonviolent criminal offenders who
1 24 suffer from mental illness in three counties: one county with
1 25 a population of up to 50,000, one county with more than 50,000
1 26 up to 100,000, and one county with more than 100,000. The
1 27 mental health court pilot projects shall be established for a
1 28 three-year period beginning January 1, 2007.
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